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CONSERVATION—A JOB TO DO

Many and diverse were the Conservation activities and celebrations of March: California Conservation Week, National Wildlife Week, Audubon Pacific Coast Convention, the Wilderness Conference. This month we observe National Audubon Week. Surely, we should all be supercharged with zeal, ideals and objectives in this common cause—preservation of more of natural America, outdoor living space for future Americans, wiser use of remaining natural resources. Please, friends of Conservation, do not allow your righteous indignation and determination to merely reverberate among us and then simmer and die out until next year's meetings or editorials rekindle them. *Pick an issue . . . a critical need . . . close to your heart and follow through by word to all you meet, by letters or telegrams to your lawmakers and responsible officials and with dollars when possible to further our common causes.*

As science and government devote more attention and money to space exploration and to super-weapons of destruction, nature lovers must expend more time and energy toward preserving their natural heritage here on earth! Look about you! Zooming populations, subdivisions, freeways and factories gobble up farmlands and open spaces. Weekend and vacation stampedes overwhelm public parks, forest camps and beaches! Often needless dams destroy fisheries and misused federal funds drain farm marshes while other federal and state agencies fight to save wetlands! So get up . . . get out . . . speak up and help! Selfish interests are always reaching for more, often in the guise of progress! Your *personal help* is *constantly needed* to help save Outdoor America. In the event finer scenery and more fascinating wildlife are not found on another planet Americans of the future will thank you!

—PAUL COVEL, *Director*

RARE HAWK OWL ENJOYING LIFE IN MASSACHUSETTS

The home of the Hawk Owl is 500 to 1000 miles north of Massachusetts in sub-arctic woods. The last recorded flight of members in the state was in 1888. It is an owl that looks and acts very much like a hawk, varies from other owls in having a long tail and it perches horizontally on a limb like a robin instead of sitting erect like an owl. It hunts in the daytime and has black bars on its chest like a hawk.

The Boston Herald reports that a specimen of this rarely seen bird has been "living it up" in Concord, Massachusetts, stating further, "The bird has encouraged people to feed him mice. Has been trapped and handled.—

He has, in fact, taken quite well to suburban living.—This owl looks out for tomorrow by gathering surplus mice and storing them in limb crotches.” CAMPING TRIP TO SOUTHEAST ARIZONA—If you are interested in joining a trip to the Chiricahuas, approximately the first week in June contact: Harry Adamson, 995 Carol Lane, Lafayette, Atlantic 3-2164. Details will be printed in the May Gull.

**GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS
AND CASH BALANCES**

January 1, 1958 through December 31, 1958

CASH RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues—branch	\$1,515.74
Membership dues—local	26.00
Gull subscription income	26.50
Interest income	128.35
Screen tours income 1958/1959 season	2,289.00
Total cash receipts	<u>\$3,985.59</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Bird count fees	\$ 33.00
* Camp scholarships	309.00
Donations	200.00
Education committee expense	13.26
Field trips expense	5.76
Gull expense-printing	737.36
Gull expense-mailing	591.39
Insurance	34.32
Miscellaneous expense	18.10
Postage	25.25
Screen tours expense 1957/1958 season	906.98
Screen tours expense 1958/1959 season	726.73
Social committee expense	19.64
Stationary and supplies	36.52
Travel and conventions	200.00
Total cash disbursements	<u>\$3,857.31</u>

EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS OVER CASH DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 128.28

CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD

5,374.07

BARBECUE SUPPER PROCEEDS RESERVED FOR CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

91.98

CASH BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 1958

\$5,594.33

Commercial account	\$1,218.90
Savings account	4,375.43
Total cash	<u>\$5,594.33</u>

* Includes \$269.89 proceeds from 1957 garden party.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Golden Gate Audubon Society: from Berkeley, Mrs. J. S. Lamson and Miss Fay Oliphant; from Oakland, Mrs. Helen F. Champlin and Mrs. H. D. Trask; from San Francisco, Mrs. Charles W. Bucher.

—AGNES OCZKEWECZ, *Membership Chairman*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNIOR AUDUBON-GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER—A day in Golden Gate Park. DATE: Saturday, April 25. TIME: 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. PLACE: Meet at parking lot, Chain of Lakes Road, 40th Avenue and Lincoln Way, entrance to Golden Gate Park. LUNCH: Each brings his own. The day's activities will include a morning hike around the Chain of Lakes, led by two well qualified naturalists, picnic lunch at Horsemen's Retreat and a Treasure Hunt in the afternoon. Parents and leaders are urged to come and a Nature Walk is planned for them during the morning hours.

—GLADYS SMITH, *Education Chairman*

COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 3—5, with the Northern Division as sponsor and the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology and the University of California, Berkeley, as hosts. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Room 2503, Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley.

APRIL MEETING

The 49th regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m., in the Assembly Room of the Main Library, in San Francisco. (Larkin and McAllister Streets. Take No. 5 bus on Market St.)

The speaker will be Mrs. Walter Hardman who has recently returned from an extensive tour of Australia and New Zealand. She will edit her colored slides especially for the Audubon audience, stressing birds, plants and animals. She is an excellent narrator. A most delightful evening is promised. Come and bring a friend.

Important announcement: The Library Commission has voted to permit the Audubon Society to remain in the building until 10 p.m., although the public at large must leave at 9. They regret the inconvenience caused us at the February meeting when we were forced to leave at 8:45, without previous notification. Our apologies to the speaker of the evening, Mrs. John Cutler. We hope to schedule her for a meeting in Oakland soon.

Note: A no-host dinner at the Whitcomb Hotel, 1231 Market Street, near the library, will precede the meeting. Meet in the lobby near the dining room at 5:45 p.m. Everybody welcome.

—BONNIE SMITH, *Program Chairman*

TENTATIVE FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE, MAY—DECEMBER, 1959

May 3	McCoy & San Antonio Ranches	Aug 29	Farallon Islands
	Livermore Area	Sept 12	Golden Gate Park
May 9	Jack London Ranch, Glen Ellen	Sept 27	Bay Farm Islands
May 16-17	Sonora-Jackson for wildflowers	Oct 11	Bay Farm Island
June 1	Arizona (See special notice)	Oct 24	St. Mary's College
June 13-14	Sierra Valley north of Truckee Marble Hot Springs	Nov 7-8	Gridley & Colusa Waterfowl refugees
June 27	Strawberry Canyon	Nov 14	Orinda
July 11-12	Sugar Bowl & Boca Reservoir	Nov 28	Conn Lake
July 25	Rodeo Lagoon	Nov 29	Conn Lake
Aug 16	Bodega Bay (Optional over-night the 15th for campers.)	Dec 6	Ross & Marin Lakes

FIELD TRIPS FOR APRIL

On Sunday, April 12, to the Farallon Islands. See full announcement in the March Gull. Fare is \$8.00. Send reservations to Harold G. Peterson. Black-footed Albatross, California Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Marbled Murrelet, Cassin's Auklet, Rhinoceros Auklet and Tufted Puffin may be seen. In addition to the Rowland II the Privateer II has, also, been chartered so that ample space will be provided for all who wish to make this trip.

On Saturday, April 18, to Bay Farm Island. Shorebirds in their spring plumage should be abundant. The spring migration is usually at its height during this week. Meet at 9 a.m., at High Street and Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda. Frontage road area will be studied first and then the pools on Doolittle Drive. Mecartney Road and the sunken ships area will be covered. The Alameda South Shore development has created some new territories which will be visited. Last year Knots and Black Brant were seen at this time. Leader, Aileen Pierson, JU 7-4163.

On Saturday, April 25, to Angel Island. Much publicity has been given to this place and the fact that it is to be included in the State Park system. One hundred acres are now accessible to the public. Facilities are limited....A hike on the island is planned. Travel to the island will be by private boat which can hold 49 each trip. Fare is \$1.25. Meet at Sausalito Yacht Harbor in Sausalito at 9 a.m. Return from the island will be at 3 p.m. Bring lunch, warm clothing, binoculars, telescope and interested friends. Leader Myra Browne, TW 3-5469.

—HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trips Chairman*

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